REMARKS

In response to the present Office Action, the Applicant sets forth the following amendments and remarks. Claims 1 – 19 were pending in the application. The Applicant has amended the Specification. The Applicant has submitted corrected drawings with this present amendment. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 14, and 18. As a result, claims 1 - 19 are pending in the present application. The Applicant respectfully requests further examination of the application in light of the accompanying remarks.

Objections to the Specification, Drawings, and Claims

The Examiner has set forth multiple objections as referenced above. With regard to the objection to the Specification, the Applicant has amended pertinent portions of the Specification. More specifically, the amendment to the Specification includes capitalization of trademarks as suggested by the Examiner. The generic terminology, "operating system" and "hand held device", was already included in the original Specification.

With regard to the drawing objections, the Applicant has submitted a set of corrected drawings with this amendment to the present Office Action. With regard to the output processing system of claims 9 – 17, an embodiment of that system is shown as a block diagram in Figure 3. A description of the output processing system is contained in the Specification on page 3, Lines 12 – 16 of the original application.

With regard to the claim objections, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 14, and 18 to add proper line indentation. This amendment to the listed claims does not show up as a marked change. Please contact the Applicant if these amendments are confusing in light of additional claim amendments, described below, made in this present amendment to further describe the invention claimed in the present application.

The Applicant kindly asserts that the objections are moot in light of the present amendments and corrected drawings.

Rejection of Claims 1 – 5, 8 – 14, 17, and 18 - 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 5, 8 – 14, 17, and 18 - 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Acres (U.S. Patent No. 5,741,183). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicant respectfully asserts that Acres does not disclose all of the elements of the claimed present invention. For example, Acres does not claim or describe the ability to manage the accounting for a multiple player game or the use of a data collection device as described in the present application. As described in the present application, the multiple player game may be a racing type arcade game where the contestants race other contestants. Typical game accounting data managed by the claimed present invention includes the number of players, prize(s) and the winner's seating position for a game cycle. A game cycle is described in the present application as the operation of one race, from start to finish. In addition, the claimed present invention allows the input of operator-actuated data on prize dissemination via a data collection device having an actuator such as a button, a switch, or a touch screen. As a

result, the present invention allows for the preservation of the integrity of the game accounting data by precluding the need for a game operator to have access to the game accounting data. As a result, the game operator cannot manipulate the game accounting data stored on the system of the claimed present invention. As a result, the game accounting data gathered by the claimed present invention may be used for accounting and auditing purposes.

In contrast, Acres does not claim or teach management of a multiple player game, nor the use of the data collection device. At least in this regard, the Applicant respectfully contends that Acres does not disclose every element and limitation of the claimed present invention. As a result, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the outstanding rejections of claims 1 – 5, 8 – 14, 17, and 18 - 19 may be properly withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Acres (U.S. Patent No. 5,741,183). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described above, the Applicant respectfully asserts that Acres does not disclose all of the elements of the claimed present invention. In addition, based upon the reasons discussed previously, the Applicant respectfully contends that Acres cannot be extended to render the claimed present invention as obvious. As a result, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the outstanding rejections of claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 may be properly withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

A marked up version of a portion of the Specification has been submitted to show the changes made relative to the originally submitted Specification. The Applicant has submitted corrected drawings with this present amendment. Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 14, and 18 have been amended in this response to the present Office Action. Claims 1 – 19 remain pending in the present application. The Applicant respectfully requests further examination of the application in light of the accompanying remarks.

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